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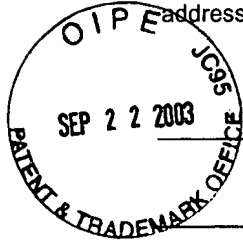
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In re Application of:

Topolkaraev et al.

Serial No.: 09/840,754

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the accompanying request for an RCE, please consider the following amendments and remarks.